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Sent: 10/2/2019 2:22:17 PM
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Subject: FW: URGENT - NY Times INQUIRY: Follow-up questions for comment - NYT

Good Day Ladies,

Please see the recent request from NY Times. Your feedback on the response is appreciated. I personally think the questions are opening us up to public scrutiny.

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Subject: Re: URGENT - NY Times INQUIRY: Follow-up questions for comment - NYT

Good afternoon Colleagues,

Please have a response prepared for review as per our media response protocol.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Kamal

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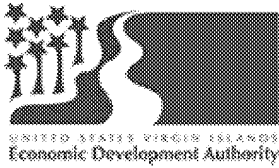
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On Oct 2, 2019, at 12:39 PM, Shanell Petersen <spetersen@usvieda.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please see the additional inquiry from New York Times in need of immediate review below.

Respectfully,
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To: Shanell Petersen; Matthew Goldstein

Subject: Follow-up questions for comment - NYT

Good morning, Shanell - We are planning an article relating to Mr. Epstein's finances and businesses in USVI. The piece will raise the point that USVI has been criticized for not closely overseeing beneficiaries of the tax incentive programs. I've included a couple questions below for VIEDA:

- Was VIEDA comfortable with the answers it received from Mr. Epstein about his business practices & activities over the years? Should VIEDA have pressed Mr. Epstein about his business affairs?
- Was VIEDA satisfied with the return USVI's return on Mr. Epstein's businesses?

Please send any responses today, 10/2, by 5 p.m. ET.

Thank you.
Steve and Matt

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